

AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The audit by the Bureau of State Audits will provide independently developed and verified information related to the tracking and placement of sex offenders into group homes, sober living facilities, and/or other residential facilities, and would include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. Determine the departments responsible for licensing sober living facilities, residential facilities serving six or fewer individuals, and group homes located in California that accept “290 registrants.” Identify the policies and procedures used to license such facilities.
3. Review the policies and procedures at the various departments for identifying, evaluating, and placing “290 registrants” in local communities and tracking their whereabouts. Determine monitoring processes once “290 registrants” have been placed in facilities.
4. To the extent possible, determine the number of sober living facilities, residential facilities serving six or fewer individuals, and group homes that operate in the State, and determine the number that house “290 registrants,” and how many “290 registrants” are housed in each facility. Review a sample of “290 registrants” placed at such facilities and determine if the facilities were properly licensed and the placements of “290 registrants” were appropriate.
5. Determine how the entities responsible for placing “290 registrants” into communities assess whether local law enforcement is adequately equipped to protect those communities where such facilities are located.
6. Contact a sample of local law enforcement agencies and determine whether the local entities have assessed the need for more local control and/or oversight over facilities housing “290 registrants.” Determine whether law enforcement efforts are being diverted from other programs to fulfill the need for local control/oversight over such facilities. Assess whether the State provides the local entities assistance to ensure effective re-entry for “290 registrant” parolees.
7. Determine whether the local entities or the facilities themselves have assessed whether a high concentration of parolees who are also “290 registrant” sex offenders, poses a higher risk to the surrounding neighborhood or to other occupants of the facilities shared by “290 registrants.”